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Foreword to the 5th Edition

The "Automotive Handbook", a reliable guide tool for up-to-date information, has been revised and updated for a period of six decades from a calendar supplement of 96 pages to a 960-page reference work. In that time, over a million copies have been printed and sold in the German text and in 14 other languages.

The 5th edition, in common with its predecessors, is supported by two main pillars: the expertise of the technical staff and the experience of the editorial staff. They have fully revised the contents of this manual and brought it completely up to date. Thanks are due to all those involved. This book is intended for a wide range of readers, from the technician and engineer as a review of present-day technology for the automotive engineer and technician, but also for anyone else with an interest in technical matters.

Technical matters of interest to the passenger cars and commercial vehicles, and the remaining content to that required for practical purposes. The handbook is a pocketbook for technicians to present detailed coverage of individual technical subjects. On the other hand, bearing in mind the very wide range of readers, we do not want to do too much. However, we have dispensed with the "Conversion Tables" as the calculator is now an everyday item of equipment and any figure required can easily be obtained from the calculator.

Legislation (Germany) has also been deleted due to the international usage of the booklet. The book has been revised and updated topics which have added new extra 70 pages to the book.

We recommend readers to scan through the "Automotive Handbook" and to gain an overall impression before using it.

The Editors

For your information

The following topics have been updated/added since the 4th edition:

- Acoustics • Electronics (integrated circuits, microelectronics, mechatronics, sensors) • Statistics (basic, advanced) • Safety (passenger cars, trucks, trailers) • Materials, technology (basic principles, materials, lubricants, fuels, consumables) • Concession • Haptics • Calculating fuel consumption • Vehicle dynamics • Vehicle control systems (direct, fuel injection, diesel combustion systems) • Engine cooling (cooling module technology, thermomanagement, exhaust cooling) • Turbocharging and supercharging • Diesel engines (common rail, direct injection) • Gasoline engines (mixtures control, fuel-injection systems, fuel injections, spark plugs, ME-Motronic, exhaust gases) • Engine management (engine control, sensors, actuators, engine pumps, injectors, exhaust gases, start-assist systems) • Electric drive units • Drivetrain (transmission, traction control systems (TCS) for passenger cars, ABS for trucks and trailers) • Braking systems (ABS for passenger cars, ABS and EBS for commercial vehicles) • Bodywork, commercial vehicles • Lighting systems (passenger cars, trucks, trailers, motor vehicles) • Car radios • Park Pilot systems • Navigation systems • Vehicle information systems • Mobile phones • Safety and security systems (impact detection, theft detection, prevention control systems) • Vehicle control diagrams and symbols • Vehicle electrical system (batteries, battery testers, water-cooled alternators, electro-mechanical relays, CAN bus) • Passenger car specifications.

The following topics have been introduced:

- New engines • MED-Motronic • Natural gas operation (spark-ignition engines) • Fuel cells • EHG for passenger cars • Automatic Cruise Control (ACC) • Instrumentation • Third brake light • Car radios (DAB) • Car stops • Car phone • Conversion tables and the following have been dropped:

- Conversion tables • Road traffic legislation (Germany).

station location). Standard positive-displacement pumps can incorporate this problem by discharging the gas.

While the low-type pump has to a large extent replaced the positive-displacement pump in the design of fuel systems for performing the classical functions of the electric fuel pump, a new field of application has opened up for the positive-displacement pump in terms of the above-mentioned functions. This is the case with systems with their specifically increased pressure requirements and increased range. This is especially true for the pre-supply of cruse and boosters.

Flow-type pumps

Designs based on the principles used for the peripheral pump and the side-channel pump are the standard for electric fuel pumps with their advantages for the side-channel pump as this tends to provide higher pressures and improved efficiency. An impeller equipped with numerous blades is placed within a chamber consisting of two sections featuring a passage along the path of the impeller's vanes, with the openings on one end of the chamber being closed and the other open. From here they select the system pressure. Within the passage a special element designed to prevent interference with the flow of fuel is placed (not necessary in serial applications) called a sited angular distance from the section opening, improves performance by preventing fuel from the fuel lines when pumping hot fuel; this orifice facilitates two pumping hot fuel; this orifice which may have formed (with minimal leakage).

The pulses reflected between the impeller vanes and the fluid molecules result in pressure, inducing a spiral rotation of the fluid volume in the impellers and in the passages. The pressurization is continuous and virtually pulseless. The impellers are quiet in operation. Pump design is also substantially less complex than that of the positive-displacement unit. Single-stage pumps generate system pressures

extending up to 450 MPa. Still higher system pressures, as will become necessary for brief periods in future for highly super-

critical engines, will be met by engines with positive direct injection. The engines with possible direct injection have a number of conditions, but under continuous-duty conditions such pressures would overload today's conventional electrical systems. The use of electrochemical systems with conventional electrical systems (injection) and would result in a significantly reduced service life. The following remedial measures are being considered:

- Equipping of the fuel-pump motor with a variable speed drive.
- Equipping of the fuel pump with a conventional copper commutator so as to safeguard the service life also at high current and additionally with corrosion-resistant coatings.

- For pumps with high-voltage, the wide range of operating conditions and hence place particularly high demands on the pump's versatility, work is proceeding on the development of commutated (EC) fuel-pump drives. Such drives will make possible unlimited service life.

The efficiency ranges between 10 and 30 percent. The fuel systems of newly designed vehicles with spark-ignition en-

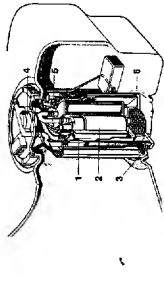
gines rely almost exclusively on low-type pumps for fuel delivery.

Electric fuel pumps: Integration in electronic fuel systems
Whereas the first electronic fuel-injection systems almost always featured electric fuel pumps designed for in-line installation outside the tank, current and more recent systems have integrated the electric fuel pump as a standard feature. The electric fuel pump is one of the elements designed to include an increasingly wide array of functions. The pump is required to let a fuel-baffle chamber to maintain delivery during coning (usually with its own active supply based on a suction-relief pump) and to ensure the pump's operation in the event of a failure of the main electric pump. The pump is also required to let a variety of electrical and hydraulic connections.

Another advance is the returnless fuel system, which is the result of an in-tank unit with an integral fuel-pressure regulator designed to maintain a constant return circuit within the in-tank assembly. A pressure-side fine-mesh fuel filter is located in the return circuit. Further functions will in future be integrated in the delivery module, e.g. diagnostic devices for tank leakage, timing module for fuel-pump control.

In-tank unit, complete integrated assembly for returnless fuel systems

1 Fuel pump, 2 Suction-relief pump (regulated), 3 Fuel-pressure regulator, 4 Fuel-pressure sensor, 5 Fuel-pressure sensor, 6 Electric connector.



AF-mixture formation

Influencing variables

AF-lua/AF-lua (lambda) is the ratio of the actual air-fuel mixture ratio to the stoichiometric ratio (14.7:1). It is the ratio of supplied air mass to air required for stoichiometric combustion. It is also termed the stoichiometric ratio, i.e., an air mass of 14.7 kg is needed to burn a fuel mass of 1 kg. Or expressed as a ratio, it will be 14.7:1. It will be roughly 9500:1 air.

The specific fuel consumption of a spark-ignition engine is apparently dependent on the mixture ratio. The mixture ratio is necessary to have an excess of air in order to ensure genuine complete combustion, and thus as for a fuel consumption, the mixture ratio is imposed through the thermodynamic mixture and the available combustion time.

The AF mixture also has a decisive influence on the exhaust-gas treatment systems. Since the exhaust-gas catalytic converter, this, though, needs a stoichiometric AF-ratio in order to operate efficiently. The catalytic converter must have gas constituents by more than 99%.

The engines available today can therefore be operated with a stoichiometric mixture as their operating status permits this.

Certain engine operating states require mixture corrections. Specific corrections of the mixture composition are necessary e.g., when the engine is cold. The mixture correction (correction) system must therefore be able to satisfy these variable requirements.

Excess-air factor

Bein chosen to designate the extent to which the actual air-fuel mixture differs from the stoichiometrically necessary mass ratio (14.7:1).

λ = Ratio of supplied air mass to air required with stoichiometric combustion.

$\lambda > 1$: The supplied air mass corresponds to the theoretically necessary air mass.

$\lambda < 1$: There is an air deficiency and thus a rich mixture. Maximum power output at a rich mixture.

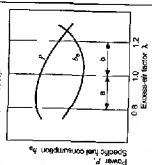
$\lambda > 1$: There is an excess of air or a lean mixture in this range. This excess air factor is characterized by reduced fuel consumption and reduced power output. The mixture ratio is termed:

- the so-called "lean-burn limit"

and on the mixture-formation system heavily dependent on the engine design and the combustion conditions. The lean-burn mixture is no longer ignitable at low temperatures. This process of extinction occurs and this is accompanied by a marked increase in uneven running.

Spark-ignition engines with manifold injection achieve the best results with an air deficiency of 5...15% ($\lambda = 0.95$ to 0.85) and their lowest fuel consumption at an air excess of 10...20% ($\lambda = 1.1$ to 1.2).

Effect of excess-air factor λ on power P and specific fuel consumption b_p
A Rich mixture (AF increase)
B Lean mixture (AF increase)



chamber walls. These large droplets can be evaporated and will return in increased hydrocarbon emissions.

Mixture-formation systems

It is the job of fuel-injection systems, or more precisely of the AF-mixture formation systems, to create an AF-mixture which is adapted as well as possible to the relevant engine operating state. Injection systems, especially electronic systems, are better suited to maintaining narrow limits of mixture ratio than the mixture control systems of carburetors. This is relevant to fuel consumption, driving performance and power output. The result of increasingly stringent exhaust-emissions regulations is that the AF-mixture factor is today, injection systems have comparatively superseded carburetors.

Today, the automotive industry almost exclusively uses systems in which the mixture ratio is controlled outside the combustion chamber. However, systems with interior mixture formation, i.e., where the fuel is injected directly into the combustion chamber, strongly formed the basis of the first AF-mixture systems. These systems are increasing in importance as they are very well suited to reducing fuel consumption even further.

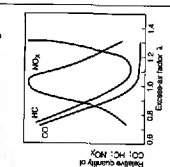
The graphs show the dependence of power P and specific fuel consumption b_p on the excess-air factor λ for a typical engine with manifold injection. It can be deduced from these graphs that the AF-mixture factor is at its most favorable value. For engines with manifold injection, excess-air factors of $\lambda = 0.9$...1.1 have proven effective in real-world operation at consumption at optimal power output.

Engines with direct injection and charge stratification involve different combustion conditions such that the lean-burn limit is shifted to the left. The AF-mixture can therefore be operated in the full range with significantly higher excess-air factors (up to $\lambda = 4$).

For the treatment of exhaust gas by a three-way catalytic converter, the AF-mixture is usually essential to adjust easily to $\lambda = 1$ with the engine at normal operating temperature. In order to do so, the air mixture must be precisely determined and the excess air must be added to it.

For optimum combustion in today's common manifold-injection engines, not only is the mixture ratio of great importance, but also injected fuel quantity and the timing of the injection. For AF-mixture, this necessitates efficient fuel atomization. If this precondition is not satisfied, large fuel droplets will precipitate on the intake manifold or the combustion-

Effect of excess-air factor λ on pollutant composition in untreated exhaust gas



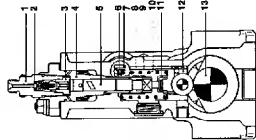
In-line fuel-injection pump (PE)

Fuel-supply pump pumps the fuel to the injection pump's fuel gallery at a pressure of 1.2-5 bar. The cam-driven supply pump plunger travels to TDC on every stroke; it is not rigidly connected to the drive shaft. The plunger is driven by the cam and returns pressure. The plunger spring responds to increases in line pressure by reducing the plunger's return travel to a portion of the full stroke. The greater the pressure, the less return travel, the lower the delivery quantity.

High-pressure pump

Every in-line fuel-injection pump has a high-pressure pump, usually a three- or four-cylinder unit, driven by the camshaft. A cam-driven camshaft moves the plunger in the supply direction, and a spring returns it to its rest position. Although the plunger has to rest at a fixed position with such precision (clearance: 3-5 µm) that its operation is virtually leak-free, even at high pressures and low speeds, the plunger's actual stroke is constant.

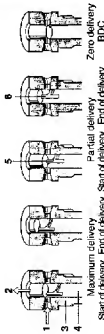
The delivery quantity is changed by altering the plunger's effective stroke. Inclined helices have been machined into the plunger and the barrel. As the plunger is rotated, active pumping starts when the upper edge of the plunger clears the in-



Size 2 in-line fuel-injection pump
1 Delivery-valve holder, 2 Spring seat, 3 Delivery valve, 4 Pump barrel, 5 Pump control rack, 6 Control sleeve, 7 Plunger control rack, 8 Plunger return spring, 9 Plunger, 10 Plunger return spring, 11 Plunger, 12 Plunger return spring, 13 Camshaft

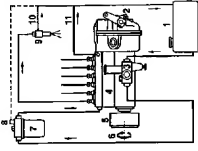
Partial delivery control in the in-line fuel-injection pump

1 From fuel gallery, 2 To nozzle, 3 Barrel, 4 Plunger, 5 Lower helix, 6 Vertical (pump) groove

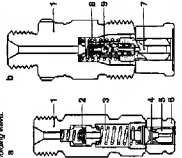


Maximum delivery
Start of delivery End of delivery Zero delivery
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Active fuel-injection pump with mechanical (hydraulic governor)
1 Fuel tank, 2 Governor, 3 Fuel-supply pump, 4 Fuel filter, 5 Fuel line, 6 Fuel line, 7 Fuel line, 8 Meter, 9 Accurate meter, 10 Fuel return line, 11 Overflow line



Delivery-valve holder with delivery valve
1 Meter, 2 Governor, 3 Fuel-supply pump, 4 Fuel filter, 5 Fuel line, 6 Fuel line, 7 Fuel line, 8 Meter, 9 Accurate meter, 10 Fuel return line, 11 Overflow line



take part. The high-pressure chamber above the plunger is connected by a vertical groove to the chamber below the helix. Delivery ceases when the helix uncovers the groove. Various helix designs are employed in the plunger. On plunger-and-barrel assemblies with a lower helix only, pumping always begins at the same stroke level, regardless of the pressure in the line. As the pressure increases, the plunger moves toward the end of the delivery. An upper helix can be employed to vary the start of delivery. There are also plunger-and-barrel assemblies on the market which combine the two helix designs. The helix design in high injection pressures, the major types of delivery valve currently in use are:

- Constant-pressure valve with return-flow restriction
- Constant-pressure valve with return-flow restriction
- Constant-pressure valve

The delivery valve and pressure characteristics must be specially designed for the specific application. Units incorporating a return-flow restriction or constant-pressure valve have an advantage in that they prevent the pressure waves reflected back from the injection nozzle, thus preventing it from opening again. The constant-pressure valve is employed to maintain static hydraulic pressure in the line. The constant-pressure valve is used in small, high-speed direct-injection engines.

In fuel-injection pumps which generate moderate pressures of up to 600 bar (60 MPa), the delivery valve is usually simply installed in the pump housing in a fixed position, where it is held in place by the delivery valve and the delivery-valve holder, which generate injection pressures greater than approx. 600 bar. The plunger-and-barrel assembly, delivery valve and delivery-valve holder are screwed together to form a single unit, which is then inserted into the pump housing (e.g. Sizes MW, P).

The in-line fuel-injection pump and the associated governor are connected to the engine's fuel-injection system.

